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2a)	This action is FINAL . 2b) Thi	is action is non-final.		
3)	Since this application is in condition for allowa	ance except for formal matte	rs, prosecution as to the merits is	
	closed in accordance with the practice under	Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D.	11, 453 O.G. 213.	
Disposit	tion of Claims		•	
5)	Claim(s) 1-9,12-18,22-29,31-40,58,59,67,68,7 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdra Claim(s) is/are allowed. Claim(s) is/are rejected. Claim(s) is/are objected to. Claim(s) <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> are subject	awn from consideration.		
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Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims subject to restriction and/or election requirement are 1-9,12-18,22-29,31-40,58,59,67,68,70-90 and 92-104.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims directed to multiple method species. Over the course of prosecution, the claims have evolved from the original claims, including the addition of six independent claims.

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I, directed to method of skin treatment by multiple applications of electromagnetic radiation, the application being dependent on skin condition.

Species II, directed to method of skin treatment by multiple applications of electromagnetic radiation, the application being independent of skin condition.

Species III, directed to a method of prophylactic skin treatment by application of electromagnetic radiation and exposure to Xray or UV radiation within a time interval.

Species IV, directed to a light treatment method by directing energy towards a skin surface followed by the application of a marker film.

Species V, directed to a skin treatment method with the determination of a degree of exposure to Xray or UV radiation followed by application of electromagnetic radiation.

Species VI, directed to a skin treatment method by applications of electromagnetic radiation to a skin surface, the frequency of applications being dependent on the intensity of exposure to Xray or UV radiation.

Species VII, directed to a skin treatment method by applications of electromagnetic radiation to a skin surface, with the implied step of selecting the wavelength based on the absorption of an endogenous chromophore.

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The species are independent or distinct because they recite mutually exclusive steps. Claims to different species are mutually exclusive if one claim recites limitations disclosed for a first species but not a second, while a second claim recites limitations disclosed only for the second species and not the first (MPEP § 806.04(f) [R-3].

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claims are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the

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inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case.

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In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the

evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner

should be directed to Henry M. Johnson, III whose telephone number is (571) 272-4768. The

examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Linda C. Dvorak can be reached on (571) 272-4764. The fax phone number for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner

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